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For: MOLECULAR STEREOCHEMICAL  
CODING METHOD

**STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW**

Commissioner for Patents  
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April 7, 2005

Sir:

Applicants note with appreciation the Examiner's time in conducting an interview with Applicants' representative on July 28, 2004. As requested in the Office Communication of March 22, 2005, Applicants provide the following comments concerning the interview as well as actions taken as a result of the interview.

In the Interview Summary form, the Examiner indicates that the following points were discussed:

- whether a step of comparison would render the claims statutory;

- possible amendments to overcome the 35 USC 112, second paragraph, rejections with regard to “precedence rule” and a “linear notation rule;”
- whether a method for comparing sugar molecules was enabled;
- prediction of NMR shifts with regard to the rejection under 35 USC 101.

Applicants’ representative generally agrees that the above items were discussed during the Interview. As can be seen by these items, rejections made in the final Office Action of May 10, 2004 were addressed.

The Interview was primarily motivated by the fact that there are no prior art issues, and indications are that there is little or no particularly relevant prior art. The Examiner cites no prior art references other than references made of record by the Applicant. In other words, because the present application only contains non-prior art issues, Applicants had requested an interview in order to resolve the outstanding issues.

### **Conclusion**

As a result of the interview, Applicants had prepared an Amendment that is believed sufficiently addresses each of the outstanding rejections. Because there are no prior art rejections in this

application, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner contact the Applicants' representative in order to arrange an interview to resolve any remaining issues.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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